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To: Chief, SR/3

From: SR/3-W2

Subject: Contact Report with CASSOWARY 15 on 16 January 1953

1. This was a routine contact, arranged during last contact, to debrief CASSOWARY 15 and receive necessary items he was to deliver.
2. Subject had no further details concerning the newly organized Communist Front organization known as the "Committee for Defense of the United Ukraine" located in the New York area.
3. Details of an incident revolving around a DP, now a member of the Armed Forces, will be obtained and delivered to the Case Officer as soon as possible. These details have been requested by interested persons in the SR Division, to aid in assessing the circumstances and thus verifying the truth of the story.
4. The most interesting piece of information that CASSOWARY 15 had to offer pertained to a letter received by an individual residing in the U. S. who has contact with CASSOWARY 2. This man told CASSOWARY 2 that he had recently received a letter from his father (approximately 75 years of age, released from a Soviet Prison 6 to 8 months ago), who resides in PRZEMYSL (49° 47' N - 22° 47' E) approximately 60 kilometers west of IVOV (49° 40' N - 24° 03' E); letter was dated 30 or 31 December 1952. This letter stated that very heavy snows have been falling in the area and then suddenly melting, causing widespread floods, etc. The man further stated that he hasn't seen such "terrible" weather in years.

Comments: The weather, as stated in the letter, must definitely be effecting the individuals in the underground movement in the Ukraine. Since it is routine for members of the Movement to move into underground bunkers each winter, the rapid melting of heavy snow must also flood these bunkers. Thus the men have to flee and seek new shelter, causing them to be more active during the winter season than is desirable. This may also be the reason that our one remaining semi-active W/T agent has not answered our last W/T message re the exfiltration of KOVAL.

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